

Organize County Tax Payers League

TO AFFILIATE WITH MICH. PUBLIC EXPENDITURES SURVEY

An organization was formed of a "Crawford County Taxpayers League", at a meeting held in the Court house Monday evening. Preliminary to that meeting, a get-together meeting had been held at Shoppenagons Inn, at which time Royal A. Wright was informally elected temporary chairman.

Mr. Wright opened the meeting Monday evening and explained that Crawford county should get into line with other Michigan counties in the formation of a taxpayers group. Not, he said, with the idea of embarrassing any group or single member of any of our official governing bodies. Rather it was the hope that, with the backing of the organization, these official bodies could proceed with firmer confidence and inspired effort toward the lowering of costs of administration. In no way, he said, would any effort be made to harrange or embarrass any public official.

Mr. Harry Carter, a representative of the Michigan Expenditures Survey, of Detroit, was present and explained how it was that taxes had grown by leaps and bounds and that they had become burdens and that it was high time that the taxpayers get together and form an organization that would work in their behalf.

He explained how the Michigan Public Expenditures Survey happened to be formed. Following the fine example set by the State of Nebraska and other states, where thru organization taxes had been reduced on a wholesale scale, it was deemed that Michigan taxpayers should arouse themselves for the protection of their own interests. Today, in every section of the state, taxpayers organizations are being formed. By this it is hoped that more careful check may be had on the administration of our governmental units.

The text of Mr. Carter's address is as follows:

Gentlemen:

It is rare pleasure to have the opportunity of discussing with you a few of the problems of government. Were this type of discussion possible abroad there would be no necessity for the present war. Here in the United States the right of free speech, free thought and free action is an inalienable right guaranteed under our form of government.

Our democracy is founded on the principle that the powers that we give to be governed, come from us, the citizens of this nation. When our country was

Mrs. Geo. Burke Dies After Long Illness

Mrs. Burke, wife of Mayor George Burke, passed away at her home at 5:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, following a lingering illness of several years duration. It was hard to believe that Mrs. Burke had passed on, when word went the rounds, as she had several times before gone through many severe illnesses, when her life often hung in the balance. She died at her home which had always been her wish, after having lapsed into unconsciousness during the night. She had been out and around only a few days previous.

Her remains lie in a peach satin-lined casket in the sunroom of her home where she was surrounded with flowers that she had loved so dearly during her life. Her garden, with its well kept lawn, shrubbery and flower beds, was always a picture to behold. This was a beautiful part of her home life.

St. Mary's church mourns the passing of Mrs. Burke as she was one of its most devoted members; she seemed to live for the church. When her health permitted she worked untiringly for its interests and she usually reached the goal she would strive for. To her goes the credit for many improvements that were made on both the church and rectory. She was instrumental in having the church raised and a hall built underneath it, for its beautiful interior decorations and other improvements. All of this was gained during the years that she served as president of St. Mary's Altar society, which office she was forced to give up owing to ill health. Mrs. Burke was also very charitable and many families in need were made happy through her benevolence.

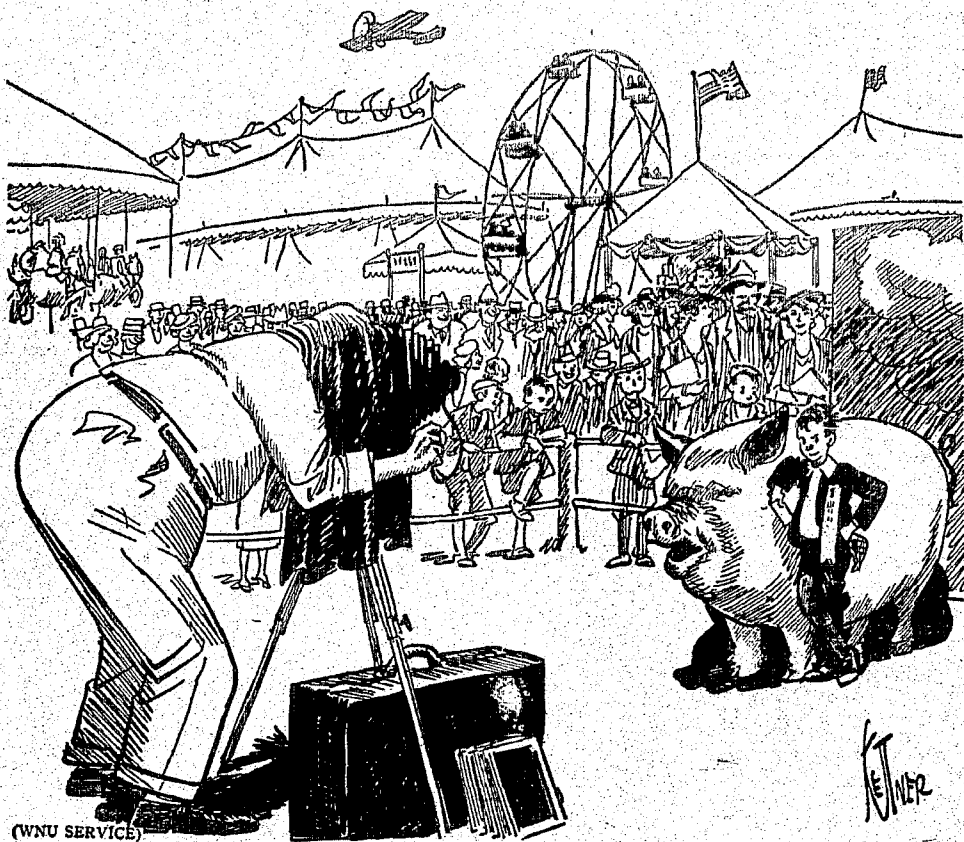
Funeral services were held this morning at 10:00 o'clock with a requiem high mass, celebrated by Rev. Fr. James Moloney. Interment was in Elmwood cemetery.

Pallbearers were A. L. Roberts, Charles Moore, Henry Jordan, Fred Lamm, Carl Larson and Roy McEvers.

Stella B. Vellette was born Feb. 19, 1869 in Oak Harbor, Ohio. Her girlhood was spent there and she was united in marriage to David Prescott. To this union a daughter Francis, and a son Harry, were born, the latter passing away in 1927. Mr. Prescott passed away, and in 1900, she was united in marriage to George Burke. They operated a hotel in Mancelona for several years until they moved to Frederic, where they also ran a hotel. It was during their residence in

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The Thrill of a Lifetime



(WNU SERVICE)

Name Candidates for C. of C. Directors

ELECTION TO BE HELD SEPT. 22ND

There was a good sized attendance at the annual Chamber of Commerce meeting held at the Court house Tuesday evening. This being the time for nominating members for the board of directors, the following candidates were selected:

Ernest Borchers
Dr. Stanley Stealy
George Stanley
Charles Melichar
Dr. R. A. Van Vleck
Dan C. Babbitt
A. J. Nelson
Roy Trudgeon
Harold MacNeven
F. J. Mills
Amos Hunter
Dr. J. F. Cook
Glenn Penrod
G. L. Poor
Hans L. Peterson

Ballots containing the above names are being sent to each member, who will select eight names. The eight having the largest number of votes will make up the board of Directors.

The latter, at a later date, will elect from the board, the officers for the ensuing year.

The present officers of the Chamber of Commerce are as follows:

President—Harley Russell
Vice Pres.—Amos Hunter
Secretary—Farnham Matson
Treasurer—Alfred Hanson

MRS. CARL MICHELSON WAS HOSTESS

Mrs. Carl Michelson was hostess to eight ladies at a very lovely dinner at her summer home at Lake Margrethe Tuesday evening.

An old fashioned bouquet of bachelor buttons and sweet alicium graced the center of the long table at which the ladies were seated, and demure ladies of the pantlet age made the place cards a delightful feature of the party.

High scores for bridge were held by Mrs. A. J. Joseph, Mrs. Harry Connine, and Mrs. Esbern Hanson. Other guests included Mrs. Nellie Pratt of Detroit; Mrs. H. A. Bauman, Mrs. H. W. Wolf, Mrs. Oscar Hanson, and Mrs. O. P. Schumann.

Public Notice

TAXPAYERS MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 26TH

A public meeting will be held in the Court house Tuesday evening, September 26th for the purpose of organizing a Crawford County Taxpayers League. This is in the interest of taxpayers who feel that taxes should be lowered instead of increased, as they have been annually for many years past.

The meeting will be at 8:00 o'clock. Please be present, and bring along a neighbor.

ROYAL A. WRIGHT,
Temporary Chairman.

Supt. Poor Talks About Ann Arbor

TELLS KIWANIS OF INTERESTING SIDELIGHTS

The highlight of Wednesday's Kiwanis program was an informal talk by Supt. G. L. Poor, of Grayling schools, on some interesting things he found at Ann Arbor this summer. He has been a student there for several past summers.

Among the guests present at the luncheon were Judge Calkins and Ray McKinley of Gaylord, and Mr. Poulney of Bay City.

While Emil Giegling won't become lieutenant governor of the 8th Kiwanis district before January 1st, he was welcomed with a "How Do You Do, etc." song, while he blushed like a school boy. Mr. Giegling was elected at the state Kiwanis convention held in Charlevoix last week. He will govern the clubs of Gaylord, Grayling, Traverse City, Cadillac and Manistee, comprising the 8th district of Michigan.

Mr. Poor, who recently returned from summer school at the U. of M., has now completed his Masters degree. Congratulations were extended by the club. This represents many years of diligent study. He is not only a splendid superintendent, but he and Mrs. Poor are splendid citizens. The former is an interesting speaker and always offers a fund of information, and has a keen sense of humor.

He told of some of the interesting people he met at Ann Arbor, and of instances pertaining to them. He told of how Horace H. Rackham had contributed millions to the University, and of the Rackham building, that since his death, had been built as a memorial. This beautiful structure is one of the finest auditoriums in the world.

The speaker said he almost regretted that he had finished his studies at the University, for he would miss these interesting and enlightening summers he has been having for the past several years.

A program for next week's meeting hasn't as yet been arranged. However the following week, September 27th, there will be a dinner dance at Shoppenagons Inn. This will be at 6:30 p. m. There will be a good orchestra to furnish music for the dancing, which will immediately follow the banquet. The regular noon meeting for that day (September 27th) will be omitted.

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Treas. Instructed On Compiling Delinquent Tax List

The county treasurers and their deputies of 19 northern Michigan counties were in Grayling Tuesday afternoon to get information regarding the compilation of the delinquent tax lists for their respective counties. The meeting had been called by Auditor General Vernon J. Brown.

Out of 21 counties, representatives from 19 were in attendance. Mr. Brown having been detained in Lansing with other important business, was represented by G. E. Mallory, of the tax department. With the latter were B. B. Bradley, in charge of compilation, and Wm. Tyman, field representative.

This year the county treasurers are made responsible for the preparation of the delinquent tax list for publication. In former years it was done in the offices of the auditor general. The lists have to be published for five issues. Publication starts in some counties as soon as next month, and their treasurers are having to do some fast stepping in order to get their lists compiled in due time. Grayling's list will be published during March and April.

Lutheran Convention Starting Next Week

GRAYLING LUTHERAN CHURCH TO BE HOSTS

"Building the Church of Tomorrow" is the theme of the District No. II Convention of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, which will be held at the Grayling Lutheran church on September 22, 23 and 24.

The pastors, delegates and guests from the various congregations of the district are expected to arrive on Friday, Sept. 22. Miss Ingeborg Hanson is in charge of the registration and lodging.

The Ladies Aids are preparing to serve dinner and supper to the guests on Saturday and Sunday at Danebod Hall. Mrs. Laura McLeod is chairman of the committee in charge of the meals.

The opening session of the convention will begin at 8 o'clock Friday evening. Rev. Svend Jorgensen of Detroit will speak on "Glimpses of a Growing Congregation."

The local congregation invites everyone to come and share the meetings with them.

GRAYLING DANISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

9:30 a. m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a. m.—English Services.
A short congregational meeting will be held immediately after services.
Confirmation class meets at 9 a. m. at the parsonage, Saturday.
P. C. Stockholm, Pastor.

MY TRIP TO JAPAN

6th of a series of articles by Matilda Bishop about her Goodwill Tour as a Guest of the Japanese Government.

Hsinking, Manchoukuo
The Yamato Hotel
August 10, 1939

Dear Mr. Schumann:

Left Harbin on the "Asia," an air conditioned, olive green, streamlined train this morning and arrived here in Hsinking the capital of Manchoukuo, a short time after lunch, a run of 150 miles thru the vast plain of north Manchuria, lying within the drainage of the Sungari River. Perfectly flat, endless region—corn and soy beans and millet as far as the eye can reach. Was thankful for an air-conditioned train for at station stops I stepped out into 100 degrees of summer shade. The heat struck you as a blast. I understand 18 below zero is good average winter weather. When the wind of winter sweeps down across the plain you can easily understand why every clay hut has a wall about it at least six feet high to wreck the force of the punishment of bitter cold.

I think this city of Hsinking would be a surprise to you (pronounced "Sinking"). I was aware, as you are, that this city was formerly called Changchun but was re-named "Hsinking" or "New Capital" when Pu Yi accepted the mandate of the 30,000,000 inhabitants of Manchoukuo, and became her first emperor in the spring of 1932. However, I certainly didn't realize that the city of 90,000,000 people in 1930 had increased to the almost unbelievable population of 260,000. Nor did I realize the extent of city planning under way in this rapidly growing metropolis.

The city is divided into residential, business, industrial and special districts. Official permission is required for all construction and establishments within these districts. Several classes of streets have been laid out to accommodate various kinds of traffic. Parks relieve the congested areas. Bridal paths are provided along the main thoroughfares. Three classes of markets are to be established, one livestock, one central market, one retail market for every 3,000 inhabitants. The area for school is reserved now in appropriate districts with the far-sighted provision for growth in the coming years of several million population. Upon completion of the work carried out by the Capital Construction Bureau, Hsinking will present a gorgeous modern, foreign-style city, a virtual center of political economies and traffic activities in Manchoukuo.

I have no figures for the money expended but I know the fine government buildings, schools, museums, public halls, botanical and zoological gardens I saw in driving about today must have cost millions. All new, all modern. I was simply dazed that all this construction could have been completed since 1932. The Emperor's palace has not been constructed because he insisted that other major plans for the capital city be put thru before any money or energy be spent upon his home. As the work on these projects developed he disclosed his desire that no tax money be used for development of his palace. So all work will be the voluntary service of his subjects. Hundreds come to give a week or a month of service. So far only the excavation has been accomplished. No machinery can be spared from the other projects. In fact, I have not seen a crane since I entered Manchoukuo. All sand and gravel for construction anywhere is being done by men carrying poles over their shoulders with baskets suspended from the poles. These baskets hold about 10 quarts of sand each. In this heat, you wonder how the men hold out thru a ten-hour day. The men are proud to work for the development of their country. They seem to give every evidence of faith in the leadership, here in Manchoukuo and in the ample assistance of

Japan. Japan is pouring money into this area.

August 11, 1939

I have been busy dashing out to see the Industrial Exhibit, the experimental farms, the dams, reservoirs, etc. When Japan recognized Manchoukuo she pledged support for all these projects. For years, Manchoukuo has been neglected economically. That is, her cattle, sheep and hogs permitted thru indifference and ignorance to degenerate. As a result the native chickens are lightweight and lay less than 50 eggs a year on the average. The sheep are small, their wool coarse and wiry—in fact the wool from them cannot be used for clothing. I have seen hundreds of native horses. They are small, mean tempered, ill shaped. The same may be said for the cattle and hogs.

Some 800 Berkshires a year have been imported for cross breeding purposes that the hogs may be improved. Arab and Hackney breeds have been introduced to cross breed with the small, hardy animals, that the horse-power be improved. Holstein and Jerseys will make milk a possibility of the future. Just now I find "Carnation" milk in all stores here. In rural communities milk is unknown.

The South Manchurian Railway Co. has been entrusted to launch this experimentation effectively. The Chinese "Incident" has forced the Railway Zone to assume scores of other undertakings such as the extension of management of ports and harbors and mines. This seemed to involve the spreading of such cultural institutions, as hotels, libraries, hospitals, research laboratories, medical colleges.

We would like to point out that the South Manchurian Railway was established due, very largely to the good offices offered by our own Theodore Roosevelt who facilitated the conclusion of the Treaty of Portsmouth. Follow-up of this treaty the main arteries of this great railway system were patterned after American lines.

When time permits, I will try to write you more facts about many aspects of this development so greatly misunderstood, I believe, in the United States today.

I went out to Port Arthur a few days ago, where the Russians and Japs came to grips in 1905-6. Neither have forgotten the loss, the cost, nor the victory of that bloody struggle. One must know the background of that war to understand the present day fear of Communism on the part of the Japs. The United States was pro-Japanese in 1904, 5, 6—perhaps she may be so again, once the facts of this area are generally known.

Down in the old Russian trenches built in 1905, it was hard to realize that Japan of that day did not know the use of concrete in construction. I went far down underground where the Russian lads and Japs made tunnels to meet each other and fought yard by yard for 200 days. I recall distinctively the excitement in the lumber camp when the news of this battle came. I felt strangely ill to descend out of the August heat to the depths of cool passageways that had been the fierce Hell of other days, knowing as I do, that this struggle realized only a truce—the victory of that day brought only a peace too brief to mark—the real victory is still in balance—the tests not far away are being repeated with the same fierceness with the same terrific loss, with the same evangelical courage.

When time permits I shall tell you of this sacrifice and this present day courage. It is a wonderful experience to be so close to this "emergency" and yet so protected and detached.

A water shortage in this area. No water at hotels for any purpose except two hours per day. How grateful I was for a pint given me by a generous Russian woman today.

Cordially,

Matilda Bishop.

New Traffic Laws

From State Police Department

(Editor's Note: This is the third of the series of ten articles, prepared by the Michigan State Police, high-spotting Michigan's new traffic law which becomes effective Sept. 29. Important changes have been made in customary driving habits. Greater safety—and fewer traffic arrests—will result from a close study of these articles).

PEDESTRIANS

Michigan's new traffic regulations impose a definite responsibility on the pedestrian in its traffic safety provisions. The law governs his movement the same as it governs movement of vehicular traffic.

Pedestrians may cross a street or highway on the green light. If the yellow or amber light is showing they should not attempt to cross because there is insufficient time. They should not enter the intersection on the red light. However, if they do, they must not interfere with traffic.

If "walk" signals are in use, pedestrians should cross intersections on the "walk" signal. If a "wait" signal is in place, no pedestrian shall start across the street while such signal is showing.

It is especially important, the Michigan State Police point out, that pedestrians observe traffic signals so as not to interfere with vehicular traffic and to thus better insure their own safety.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ELECTS OFFICERS

At the regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Tuesday evening at the Legion hall, the following were elected to fill the various offices for the ensuing year:

President—Mrs. Charles Tink-

1st Vice Pres.—Mrs. Albert Knibbs.

2nd Vice Pres.—Mrs. Carl Nielsen.

Sec'y—Mrs. Leo Jorgenson.

Treas.—Mrs. L. J. Martin.

Chaplain—Mrs. John Erkes.

Installation of officers will be held on October 2nd.

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 14, 1939

Increase In 1st Week School Enrollment

On Tuesday of the second week
of school the total enrollment
had reached 655, an increase of
twenty over figures for the first
day. The population of the school
is distributed as follows:

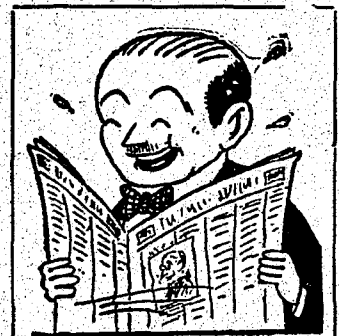
South Side School	60
North Side Grades	295
Upper Six Grades	300
Total	655

Things are running full
schedule at school, with the band
rehearsals starting this week.
Physical education and typing
schedules are already set up.
There remains only the serious
business of working through the
remaining thirty-six weeks of
school.

Some changes in the schedule
are noteworthy. A course in
French is starting this year, and
will alternate with Latin as the
offering of the foreign language
department. An advanced course
is offered this year in Home
Economics, making a third year
available. This is also being
done in Mathematics, while the
Manual Arts department has
grown to the point which makes
another year of work in the shop
necessary as an offering to high
school students. These changes
have been made to make the high
school offer a more flexible pro-
gram.

MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH

Services Next Sunday
10:00 a. m.—Bible School.
11:00 a. m.—Morning Worship.
You will find a cordial welcome
at all our meetings.
H. W. Kuhlman, Pastor.



Will Rogers Said:

—that he asked one of his
neighbor girls if she could
marry a man that spent all he
made? The girl replied: "No
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long as it lasted!" We're not
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MRS. GEORGE BURKE DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

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Frederic that automobiles came
into existence and Mr. Burke be-
came the agent for the Ford car
in this county, which was in 1911.
Grayling was the county seat
and it was a better center for his
agency so Mr. and Mrs. Burke
moved here in 1916 and two
years later Mr. Burke erected the
building that houses the Ford
Sales and Service. In her young-
er days Mrs. Burke enjoyed fish-
ing and hunting in company with
Mr. Burke, and deer hunting was
great sport for them.
Mrs. Burke had hosts of friends
in both Grayling and Frederic
and in many other places who
were grieved over that good lady's
passing. She was very hospita-
ble, generous and kind-hearted
and her large circle of friends
are going to miss her very much.
The Avalanche joins in extend-
ing sincere sympathy to Mayor
Burke and other members of the
family in their sad bereavement.
Surviving, besides the hus-
band, is her daughter Mrs. Ever-
ett Huffmaster of St. Clair,
Mich.

Grange Notes

Don't forget the Grange Picnic
Saturday, September 16th, at
the home of Mr. and Mrs. George
Skingley (the Hay Loft). There
will be a pot luck dinner at
one o'clock. Everybody bring
well filled lunch baskets, also
knives and forks. The Grange
will furnish coffee, cups and
plates.
Sports and games will be en-
joyed during the afternoon. Fun
for everybody. And the dance
at night is looked forward to by
everybody as everyone always
has a good time. Everybody is
invited. Ladies 15c; Gentlemen
35c.

The local bake goods contest
and fair that was held last Satur-
day was well attended. At this
time we do not have the com-
plete list of prize winners in the
baking contest.

There was a good display of
farm produce. The tallest corn
was brought in by Mrs. Hjalmar
Mortensen. There were sun-
flowers so tall that you wondered
where the flower was. Big cu-
cumbers, beets, carrots, and
everything you might expect to
see at the big fairs. It was worth
coming to see; also there were
some very pretty articles in the
fancy work booth, both new and
old. There was a large line of
baked goods which went in a
hurry. In all, it was a success
and the members are satisfied
with the results.



Ladies Golf Club

Another fine pot-luck luncheon
for the Ladies Auxiliary was
served Wednesday.

The final business session for
the season was held, with final
reports being given.

The second of a series of bridge
games was played with high
scores being held by Mrs. Harry
Connine and Mrs. Roy Trudgeon.
Next Wednesday, September 20,
the bridge tournament will be
in the afternoon at 2 o'clock.

WANTS LAND WITH LAKE FRONTAGE

A card received this morning
says:

124 Mason Hall
E. Lansing, Mich.
Sept. 13, 1939

Dear Sir:
Will you kindly rush me in-
formation on resort property with
lake frontage which you might
have for sale or rent?

We would like the land to have
one large lodge or several small
ones, or both as it is to be used
as a boys camp.

Respectfully,
William J. Tarrant, Jr.

Measure Wealth by Reindeer Owned
The Lapps of Norway, Sweden,
and Finland measure their wealth
by the number of reindeer they pos-
sess. In life the animal provides
them with milk and transportation;
after death its skin is made into
clothing and its meat is a staple of
the Lapp diet.

FORMER GRAYLING WOMAN DIES IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Word has been received by
friends that Mrs. Charles Marvin
of Pasco, Wash., was instantly
killed in an auto accident on
August 20th. Mr. and Mrs.
Marvin in company with her
sister Mrs. Fred Sleight and
husband of Seattle, Wash., were
enroute to the San Francisco Ex-
position. Mrs. Marvin was driving
the car and the accident
happened near Waldport, Oregon,
after she had passed a car ahead
of her. Her car struck a soft
shoulder and overturned, and
she died instantly of a compound
fracture of the skull. Her sister
Mrs. Sleight was also injured
while the other occupants escaped
injury.

Mrs. Marvin, who will be re-
membered as Daisy Havens was
born in Grayling, April 20, 1882,
and she was married to Mr. Mar-
vin on October 18, 1908. Soon
after their marriage they left for
Pasco, Wash., where they have
since resided. Those surviving
the deceased besides her husband
are one daughter, Mrs. Tilford
Bruce, of Seattle and one son,
Frank, of Tacoma, Wash., also
her sisters Mrs. A. L. Trumbley
of Berkeley, Calif. and Miss Pansy
Havens and William E. Havens
of Puyallup, Wash.

Last summer Mr. and Mrs.
Marvin spent the summer in
Grayling and enjoyed renewing
old acquaintances once more.
There are many here who re-
member this couple and will
learn of Mrs. Marvin's death with
much regret.

Fur Sale

One hundred thousand dollars
worth of precious fur coats,
scarfs, boleros, jackets, to go on
sale Friday and Saturday, Sept.
15, and 16, at the Kraus Dry
Goods store, brought to you by
Nadell's Furs, manufacturing
wholesalers and retailers. For 2
days only Kraus's Dry Goods
store is proud to offer their facili-
ties in order that the women of
Grayling may buy furs at a bona
fide savings of 50% in many
cases, that you ladies may see
and buy the fur fashions of the
hour... styles direct from Fifth
Avenue, New York. Regardless
of how little you want to spend
or how expensive a coat you have
in mind, you'll find it here at
savings up to 50%—and that's a
fact! Every coat GUARANTEED
for value and quality as re-
presented! You may buy famous
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for Nadell's has been MASTER
FURRIERS for 32 YEARS!

World's Dogs Sprang From North American Ancestor

All the world's dogs sprang from
an ancestor that made its home on
the North American continent, ac-
cording to Sigmund Boehm's "The
Family Tree of the Dog," in the
American Kennel Gazette. This an-
cestor was a small animal, about
20 inches in length, called the "Cyno-
dictus." It roamed the great arid
plains of western North America
during the Oligocene period some
35,000,000 years ago. Boehm bases
his article on the work at the Uni-
versity of California in Berkeley.

Considering that this continent
furnished the first dogs, it is strange
that out of the 109 breeds of pure-
bred dogs recognized by the Ameri-
can Kennel Club, only seven
reached their present form in Can-
ada, Mexico or the United States.
These breeds are American fox-
hound, Boston terrier, Chesapeake
Bay retriever, Chihuahua, Labra-
dor retriever, Mexican hairless and
Newfoundland.

The scientists have gone back
even farther than the Cynodictus,
and are studying the Miacs, a civet-
like animal the size of a weasel,
which lived 60,000,000 years ago. Of
the work at the University of Cali-
fornia, Boehm writes:

"It will be a surprise to many to
learn that the continent of North
America must be considered the an-
cestral home of the canine. Proof
for this assertion is that the fossil
record of the dog's development is
especially complete and easily fol-
lowed in North America. The Mu-
seum of Paleontology has a collection
of fossils gathered all over the
West and as far east as Texas and
South Dakota. Five hundred skulls
of the great Ice Age world from
the La Brea tar pits alone are re-
presented there."

Stone of Destiny

The Stone of Destiny or Lia Fail
of Ireland (the Scone stone in Scot-
land) is the stone which forms part
of the British coronation chair.
Irish kings were once installed upon
it, then it was removed to Scotland
and Scottish kings used it for their
coronation ceremonies. Edward I
had it carried off to London in 1297.
The destiny or tradition attached to
it is: "Where'er this stone is placed,
the fates decree, the Scottish race
shall there the sovereigns be."
There are legends without basis of
fact, that this stone formed Jacob's
pillow at Bethel, also that it was
St. Columba's pillow on the island
of Iona. It is actually a block of
red sandstone, 26 inches long, 17
inches wide and 10 1/2 inches thick.

Diesel, Engine Inventor, Without Funds at Death

Dr. Rudolph Diesel was crossing
the English channel on the night of
September 29, 1913. He was going
to London to attend a meeting of
manufacturers, and to confer with
the British admiralty, according to
the Toronto Star Weekly.

It was ten o'clock when he said
good-night to his friends and went
to his stateroom. The next morning
he did not appear. He was never
seen again. His disappearance be-
came an international sensation.
When the war broke out there was
a rumor that Diesel had been killed
by the Germans to keep him from
giving technical secrets to the Brit-
ish.

Rudolph Diesel was one of the
greatest of inventors. His name has
become a common noun; Diesel lin-
ers furrow the seven seas, Diesel
trucks rumble along the highways,
Diesel-powered planes criss-cross
the skies, Diesel tractors plow our
fields.

Behind the facade of Rudolph
Diesel's confident manner, his big
house in Munich, and his position of
world renown, he was at the end of
his rope. All his property was heav-
ily mortgaged; he faced bankruptcy,
to him an intolerable disgrace.

"If my friend Diesel had only said
one word to me!" exclaimed Adol-
phus Busch, the St. Louis brewer.
There were a dozen other men who
would have helped him, but his stub-
born pride forbade.

He had discussed methods of suc-
cide with his son, Rudolph Jr.,
and the boy, never dreaming that
his father was serious, said that he
thought the best way was to jump
off a fast-moving ship. When he
left for England, his farewells were
unaccountably affectionate.

Channel crossings are dismal af-
fairs at best. He was alone after
an evening of forced cheerfulness,
and impending disaster loomed be-
fore him with double force. He went
back on deck, and before him lay
the dark, oblivious sea.

Over a week later, a Dutch boat
pulled a body aboard. It was bat-
tered beyond recognition, and after
removing the contents of the
pockets, they dropped it overboard.
Later a coin purse, a pocketknife,
and a spectacle case were identi-
fied as Dr. Diesel's.

Weight Is Basic Factor In Methods of Control

One of the marked trends in pres-
ent-day industry is toward the use
of weight as a means not only of
checking quantity and quality but
of actually controlling processes of
manufacture. There is an excellent
mechanical reason for using weight
as a means of control whenever pos-
sible, writes Roger William Riss in
"The Scientific American." Weight
is gravity in action; gravity is the
one unchanging force known in the
world. Every other force, every other
source of power, changes and
shifts. The force exerted by grav-
ity on any object may conveniently
be indicated with great accuracy.
Hence gravity makes an ideal meas-
uring medium.

The principle of automatic weigh-
ing is applied today in industry to
check quantity, to package and fill,
to ascertain breakage, yardage and
moisture content, to count small
parts, to check quality, to direct,
supervise and check mixing and
batching. These functions fall into
three general groups. The simplest
includes such jobs as checking quan-
tity and ascertaining breakage,
yardage and moisture content. The
next is automatic packaging and
filling. The most advanced is the
automatic control and supervision
of batching and mixing.

Flag Display

The American flag should be dis-
played during the business hours of
all working days. As soon after
sunrise as it is practicable, the flag
should be hoisted and so displayed
that the union is at the peak of the
staff. At sunset it should be low-
ered and carefully stored. In addi-
tion, it should also be displayed on
the following holidays: New Year's
day, George Washington's birthday,
Pan-American day (April 14), Moth-
er's day (second Sunday in May),
Memorial day, Flag day, Indepen-
dence day (July 4), Labor day, Co-
lumbus day (October 12), Armistice
day (November 11), Thanksgiving
day and Christmas day.

Valuable Art Gift

The Rodin museum is in Philadel-
phia. It was planned as a gift to
the city by the late Jules E. Mast-
baum, who made the collection
prior to his death. Many originals
and more than 200 recasts of Ro-
din's sculptures are placed in and
about the grounds. The exhibits in-
clude some 500 of Rodin's letters,
together with many paintings, draw-
ings, and studies from his hand.
The collection is administered by
the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Big Island

Jamaica is third in size of the
many islands comprising the West
Indies. Its area is 4,450 square
miles—about the size of Connecticut.
Its greatest length is 144 miles and
its width 49 miles. Jamaica is 90
miles from Cuba, 550 miles from
the Panama canal and 1,457 miles
from New York city. Jamaica and
its dependencies have more than a
third of the area and nearly half of
the population of the British West
Indies.

Personals

Mrs. Frank Sales is spending
this week in Chicago on business.

Miss Elaine McDonnell spent
the first of the week in Detroit.

Mrs. Ed Moore returned Wed-
nesday from a several days visit
in Toledo.

Miss Evelyn Skingley of De-
troit spent the week end visiting
her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Flower
left Sunday for a two week's visit
in Detroit.

Glenn F. Penrod returned Mon-
day evening from Detroit where
he had been several days on
business.

Mrs. Olaf Michelson has re-
turned to Detroit after having
spent the summer at Lake Marg-
rethe.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Herrick
and daughter Dianne, and Mrs.
Carl Nielson drove to Bay City
Wednesday.

Miss Frances Mickelson and
Miss Connie McMillan of Lan-
sing were week end guests of
Mrs. Carl Michelson.

Mrs. Emma F. Hill of Kalama-
zoo is spending a couple of weeks
visiting her son, William Hill and
family, at Lake Margrethe.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Riley, of
Detroit, and Mr. and Mrs. James
Riley, of Owosso, were the week
end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bur-
ton Welte.

Mrs. Algot Johnson spent
Tuesday and Wednesday in Sag-
inaw visiting her son Sigurd,
and family, and attending the
Fair.

Mr. Wilbur Stammer of Wash-
ington, D. C., and sister, Mrs.
Robt. Stroup of Chelsea, visited
at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C.
J. McNamara, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Fuller
and children of Marshall spent
the week end visiting Mrs. Ful-
ler's mother, Mrs. Susie Magoun,
and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Ward
and son Thomas of Berkley,
Mich., are spending two weeks
visiting the latter's parents, Mr.
and Mrs. Thomas Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn F. Penrod
are enjoying a visit from the
latter's mother Mrs. Mary Shields
of Detroit. Mrs. Shields arrived
Monday and will remain for a
month.

Mrs. Louis Kessler and Mrs.
Thomas Cassidy are in Grand
Rapids owing to the illness of the
former's sister Mrs. Hugh Kelly,
who underwent a major opera-
tion Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Perry, and
Mrs. James Perry spent Monday
visiting in Hale, Mich. Mrs. Wil-
liam Ernest returned with them
to spend this week as the guest
of Mrs. James Perry.

Miss Martha Sorenson and two
friends, Miss Pearl Covick and
Miss Pauline Branch of Port
Huron were the guests of the
former's aunt, Mrs. Waldemar
Jensen, at "The Meadows" down
the river, over the week end.

After vacationing for the sum-
mer at the summer home of her
parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W.
Wolff, Mrs. Halford Kittleman
and daughter Kathryn Ann ac-
companied Mr. Kittleman to their
home in Chicago, Monday.

Mrs. Fred Mutton returned to
Detroit Sunday after spending
the months of July and August,
the guest of Mr. and Mrs.
Horace Shaw at Lake Margrethe.
She accompanied Mr. and Mrs.
Howard Scarlett and family who
had spent the week end among
friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Jamieson
and daughters Lois and Joyce,
and Miss Virginia Anderson, of
Cadillac; Mr. and Mrs. O. A.
Samuelson, son Wesley and
daughter Eva Marie, and Frank
Johnson of Muskegon were
guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herluf
Sorenson over Sunday.

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C. J. McNamara and Morgan
Paige attended the fair at East
Jordan, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Miesel and
children are visiting in Bay City
for a few days.

Miss Agda Johnson is in Ben-
ton Harbor where she has se-
cured employment.

Mrs. Carlton Wythe and daugh-
ter Luada, are visiting her father
in Stockbridge, Mich.

Earl Smith of Port Huron
spent a few days visiting his
brother Roy and family.

Carl Peterson Jr., left Wednes-
day for Hillsdale College to enter
his senior year at that institution.

Mrs. Harry Connine is enter-
taining a few friends at tea Fri-
day for Mrs. H. W. Wolff who is
leaving for New York soon.

Harold Fennell and friend of
Detroit arrived Wednesday to
spend a few days visiting his
sister, Mrs. Lloyd Perry and
family.

Miss Gail Welsh attended the
wedding of a friend at Grand
Haven, Saturday. The bride and
Miss Welsh were friends at Olivet
college.

Miss Irma Raymond is enjoy-
ing a two weeks vacation from
the Hanson Cafe, and is spending
the time visiting in Harrietta,
Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. McNamara
and sons drove to Gladwin Sun-
day and visited the former's
brother, Mr. T. J. McNamara, and
family.

Fourth Dimension Once An Aid to Spiritualists

The term, fourth dimension, is ex-
plained in Webster by saying that
physical space is sometimes re-
garded, as in the theory of relativity,
as consisting of the ordinary
three-spatial dimensions, plus a
fourth dimension, time, and is then
known as a "space-time continuum."
In this continuum, each point, rep-
resented by four co-ordinates, re-
cords an event or happening; a line,
the interval, life, or history of the
event; and an area, the history of a
series of events. Explanations of
the fourth dimension may be found
in such works as "Tertium Organ-
um" by Ouspensky, who says, "Ex-
tension in time is extension into un-
known space and therefore time is
the fourth dimension of space";
also in "The Fourth Dimension Sim-
ply Explained," by Manning, this
being a collection of essays submit-
ted in a Scientific American prize
competition. Phil's "The Seven
Follies of Science" lists the fourth
dimension among paradoxes, illu-
sions, and marvels. This writer says
that the first hint of its existence
was a purely mathematical one but
that it was seized upon by a cer-
tain branch of the transcendental-
ists, closely allied to the spiritual-
ists, and was exploited by them as
a possible explanation of some curi-
ous and mysterious phenomena and
feats exhibited by certain Indian
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9-7-4 Harold MacNeven, Sec.

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dress and county, care of this
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on right shoulder. C. L. Baxter,
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Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

Thursday, September 14, 1916

Mrs. Frank Pond and Miss Anna Peterson left Wednesday to spend a few days in Bay City.

Axel Jorgenson reports the capture of a pike at Portage Lake Thursday that measured 44 inches.

Will (Babe) Laurant had the misfortune to severely cut his right toe on a piece of glass while wading in the river.

Mrs. Herbert Wolff and children, Herbert L. and Miss Marjorie, have closed their summer cottage at Portage Lake and returned Monday to Chicago.

Miss Elizabeth Sivrals, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Sivrals, of this city, and Will Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Graham, of this city were united in marriage in Flint Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Adler Jorgenson drove to Detroit the forepart of the week in their Hup, and are taking in the State Fair.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Welsh, Monday morning.

Elmer Brott is building a house for M. Maxson on Cedar street, near Lake street.

Mrs. Peter F. Jorgenson and daughter, Miss Ingrid, left Monday to visit friends in Bay City.

John Stephan Jr. had the misfortune to break a bone in his right arm when cranking a car Saturday. John is feeling disappointed because he will have to miss his hunting trip this year.

County Clerk John J. Niederer has a new Overland touring car, purchased of L. J. Kraus, the local agent.

Miss Margaret Burrows arrived here the forepart of the week to visit her mother, Mrs. Burrows, and also her brothers Arnold and Harvey Burrows. It is necessary for Miss Margaret to move around on crutches, as several weeks ago, she was run down by an automobile at her home in Flint. No bones were broken but many were pulled out of joint.

Tuesday Thomas Belshack, the nine months old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Belshack, was drown-

ed in a tub of water. The little fellow was just learning to creep and had been playing around the room where his mother was washing. It was while she was hanging up clothes in the yard that the baby crept to the tub of water and in some way managed to fall in. Mrs. Belshack returned and found the baby in a drowning condition. A physician was called but the baby was beyond assistance. The body was taken to Bay City Wednesday for burial.

Saturday morning six members of the local Boy Scout troop started from the Danish gymnasium on a trip to the Twin Lakes about 7 miles on the Lewis branch. The boys cooked their own meals and built their shelters for the night. The boys were then given several scout tests to pass. They returned Sunday morning.

Miss Anna Anderson left for Detroit Wednesday where she expects to remain for an indefinite time.

Miss Lillie Fischer left for Johannesburg Sunday, where she resumed her duties as Primary teacher in the schools there, which position she has held for the past two years.

Alfred Morency, who has spent the past few years in Dakota, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Morency, and also friends here.

Mrs. Elmer Haire and children returned to their home in Bay City Thursday after several days visit at the home of Hart Haire. Mr. Haire came up Saturday to spend the week end, returning Sunday.

O. W. Hawes, of Detroit and E. J. Cornwall, of Saginaw are in the city to attend the monthly meetings of the Salling, Hanson Co., R. Hanson & Sons Co., and the Johannesburg Mfg. Co.

Andrew Larsen is opening a coffee and tea store in the building north of the G.A.R. hall, to be known as the Grayling Coffee & Tea Store. The store will be opened September 20, and will serve coffee and fresh Danish Kringle and Vinesbrod.

J. F. Smith, superintendent of one of the Salling, Hanson Co.

camp, has been at the hospital the past week receiving treatments.

Lovells (23 Years Ago)

Jessie Failing spent a few days of last week at her home in Grayling.

Mrs. Anna Mann of Frederic is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ben Boutell.

Ralph Routier of Detroit spent Monday with his grandmother, Mrs. George Owens. He was accompanied by Miss Helen Bauman of Grayling.

Mrs. Stillwagon accompanied her daughter Martha to West Branch Saturday. School started there this week where her daughter has attended the past two years.

City on Stilts

One of the most amazing industrial communities in the world is the Freeport Sulphur company's plant and model town at Port Sulphur, La. The plant, by the shore of Lake Grande Ecaille in the heart of the bayou country, is suspended in air on a forest of 75-foot pilings planted in land so soggy that each pile sank of its own weight for about 45 feet before being driven. The model town, including homes for workers, community house, hospital, school, lighted baseball diamond and tennis court, is built on filled-in land above the level of the surrounding swamps.

Paul Bunyan

In American lumber camp legend Paul Bunyan was the hero of a series of tall tales, current through the timber country from Michigan westward. He is said to have ruled his gargantuan lumber camp between the winter of the blue snow and the spring that came up from China. His prized possession, Babe the blue ox, measured 42 axe handles and a plug of tobacco between the horns. The stories have been set down by James Stephens, Esther Shephard and others. In southern lumber camps a similar legendary figure is known as John Henry, and elsewhere as Tony Beaver.

Looking at the Wind

The weather bureau says that to see the wind, hold any flat, smooth surface having a straight edge (a straight-backed hacksaw is excellent for this purpose) against the wind, but inclined to the vertical, with the straight edge uppermost and leaning with the wind, then sight along this straight upper edge toward a white object. If the wind is moderately strong one will see it pouring over the straight edge like water over a dam. This phenomenon is owing to irregular densities in the air which in turn cause irregular refractions of the transmitted light.

Michigan's Last Stand of Virgin White Pine



—Photo by Frank H. Shearer.

The lumberjacks' cry of "Timber!" or "Let daylight into the swamp!" was never heard at the Harwick Pines near Grayling. This 85 acre tract of towering pines was presented to the state by Mrs. Karen B. Hartwick as a memorial to her husband, Major Edward E. Hartwick, who died in France during the World War. The largest of these pines reaches a height of 150 feet and is 13 feet in circumference at the base.

EMTA News Service



URGENT

A distinguished bishop, while making a journey by rail, was unable to find his ticket when the inspector asked for it.

"Never mind, bishop," said the official, who knew him well, "I'll get it on my second round."

However, when the inspector passed through the coach again the ticket was still missing.

"O, well, bishop, it will be all right if you never find it," the inspector assured him.

"No, it won't," contradicted the bishop. "I've got to find that ticket. I want to know where I'm going."—Stray Stories Magazine.

Slow Motion

Mrs. Horner—To whom are you writing that letter, Andy.

Andy—To Professor Wotansnozzle.

Mrs. Horner—Why are you writing so slowly?

Andy—He can't read very fast.

Preocious

"I want a box of powder for my sister, please," said the angel child.

"The kind that goes off with a bang?" asked the jolly old chemist.

"No, clever, the kind that goes on with a puff."

READY TO GO



Artist—I'm sure, madam, I shall never be able to reproduce the wonderful coloring of your face. Subject—That's easy—you'll find plenty of it in my compact.

No Hurry

"My daughter wants a roll of No. 120 camera film."

"Regular or verichrome?"

"What's the difference?"

"The verichrome is a much faster film than the regular, but it is five cents higher."

"Give me the regular. My daughter has plenty of time."

Under Par

Pa—Well, son, how are your marks?

Son—They're under water.

Pa—What do you mean, under water?

Son—Below "C" level.—Royal Arcanum Bulletin.

A Hurry Call

Chairman at concert (to village constable)—What's the trouble?

Village Constable—We received a phone message at the station that somebody named Schubert was being murdered in 'ere.

Cautious Encouragement

"So you never find fault with your wife's cooking?"

"I should say not," answered Mr. Meekton. "When my wife condescends to cook I say everything I can to encourage her!"—Washington Star.

Took No Chances

"Won't you take the sleeping powder the doctor prescribed, Maria?"

"Yes—but you won't get the front-door key."

USE SOFT PEDAL



Masseur—Yes, sir, as I said before, sir, your skin is very unsightly. Patron—Well, you needn't rub it in!

Cautions

Promoter—There are two sides to every question.

Prospect—Yes, and there are two sides to a sheet of fly paper—but it makes a lot of difference to the fly which side he investigates.

Another Tyrone Power.

Teacher—Andy, write: "I'm a bad boy," on the blackboard and sign your name 100 times.

Andy—Oh, just an autograph hound, huh?

Brave Boy!

Oliver—Last night, I heard a burglar. You should have seen me going downstairs three steps at a time!

Betty—Where was he—on the roof?

Special Delivery

Teacher—Can you think of two words that contain over a thousand letters?

Oliver—Yes, ma'am. Post office.

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STATE NEWS BULLETIN

NO MORE SPECIAL PLATES

On and after March 1, 1940, all truck license plates will be taboo in Michigan. The familiar designations such as PDQ, BOO, I.O.U., and OUT 3, will be missing from the highways, Harry F. Kelly, Secretary of State, has decreed.

The 1940 automobile license plates will be uniform for every car no matter by whom owned. The 1940 license plates will have two letters and four numbers, the letters designating the county in which the plate is issued so that law enforcement officers can tell at a glance where the car is registered.

When Harry F. Kelly took office last January he found in existence an astonishing array of variety of confusing license plate numbers. Hundreds of requests for similar numbers were on file, but these were promptly denied. It was of course impossible for Mr. Kelly to recall the hundreds of "special" numbers which had been issued formerly.

"There will be no more of the confusion that resulted from the practice of issuing a huge variety of license plates which placed an almost insurmountable impediment in the way of police agencies in their effort to enforce the law and track down criminals," said Mr. Kelly.

Uniformity of 1940 license plates will make possible a key filing system from which information can be given speedily to officers concerning any car that is sought, a very important matter of police work.

The Secretary of State says that a saving of approximately \$50,000 will result in the discontinuance of special plates. The saving will be in the cost of the plates and in the administrative and accounting costs at Lansing.

Decision to abandon the practice of issuing this type of plate was reached after a conference by Mr. Kelly with representatives of the Michigan Sheriffs Association, the Michigan State Police, and the Detroit Police.

Ants Harmful to Plants

Dr. Julius Herzog of Breslau university, Berlin, says ants are robbers. True, ants in the garden do some good by keeping off certain insect pests. But they carefully cherish one of the worst pests of all, aphids or plant lice, from whose bodies they draw a fluid they like, as human beings get milk from cows. The amount of plant sap carried off by a colony of ants, through the medium of aphids, is measurable in quarts during a growing season.—Science Service.



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Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Grayling, Michigan, at the office of the City Manager, up to 7:30 o'clock P. M., Eastern Standard time on September 25, 1939 for Construction of Municipal Diesel Power Plant Building and Related Work for the City of Grayling, Michigan.

The work includes the construction of reinforced concrete and brick power plant building approximately 42' x 74' in plant and about 22 feet high above the main floor line; foundations for generating units and accessory equipment, electrical conduit, cable and wiring, and other related work.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check or a bid bond by a recognized Surety Company, similar to a U. S. Government Standard Form Bid Bond, in the amount of \$700.00, payable to the City of Grayling, as security for the acceptance of the Contract.

Plans and specifications for the work may be obtained at the office of Ayres, Lewis, Norris and May, Consulting Engineers, 508 Wolverine Building, Ann Arbor, Michigan and inspected in the office of the City Manager. A deposit of \$20.00 will be required on each set of plans and specifications, all of which will be refunded upon their use in a bona fide proposal or upon their return in good condition within 5 days after the bidding date.

The right is reserved by the City of Grayling to reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities in any bid, in the interest of the City.

George A. Granger,

City Manager.

9-7-2

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

In the matter of the estate of Feargus B. Squire.

Notice is hereby given that 2 months from the 15th day of September, A. D. 1939, have been allowed for creditors to present their claims against said deceased to said court for examination and adjustment, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court, at the probate office, in the City of Grayling in said county, on or before the 15th day of November, A. D. 1939, and that said claims will be heard by said court on Monday, the 20th day of November, A. D. 1939, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated September 9, A. D. 1939.

Charles E. Moore,

Judge of Probate.

9-14-4

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Grayling in said County, on the 21st day of August A. D. 1939.

Present: Hon. Charles E. Moore Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of John R. Oughton, deceased.

William E. Myers having filed in said court his final administration account, and his petition praying for the allowance thereof and for the assignment and distribution of the residue of said estate.

It is Ordered, That the 18th day of September, A. D. 1939, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for examining and allowing said account and hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

Charles E. Moore,

Judge of Probate.

8-24-4

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

In the matter of the estate of John A. Schram, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that 4 months from the 12th day of September, A. D. 1939, have been allowed for creditors to present their claims against said deceased to said court for examination and adjustment, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court, at the probate office, in the City of Grayling in said county, on or before the 14th day of January, A. D. 1940 and that said claims will be heard by said court on Monday the 15th day of January A. D. 1940, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated September 12, A. D. 1939.

Charles E. Moore,

Judge of Probate.

9-14-4 Pd.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

ORDER OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION—HUNTING—CERTAIN SECTIONS CRAWFORD COUNTY.

The Director of Conservation, having made a thorough investigation of conditions in certain sections of Crawford County, recommends certain regulations.

Therefore, the Conservation Commission, by authority of Act 230, P. A. 1925, hereby orders that for a period of five years from October 1, 1939, it shall be unlawful to take, trap, hunt, shoot, kill, or molest or attempt to take, trap, hunt, shoot, kill, or molest any wild animals or birds in the following described area:

T. 26 N., R. 4 W., entire Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33; all of Section 34 lying north of the fireline (refuge boundary); and N½ of NE¼ and N¼ of NW¼ of Section 35, boundaries of which are posted as State Game Refuge.

Signed, sealed, and ordered published this 14th day of July, 1939.

P. J. Hoffmaster, Director, Department of Conservation.

Conservation Commission by: W. H. Loutit, Chairman.

Wayland Osgood, Secretary. 9-7-4

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Grayling in said County, on the 22nd day of August A. D. 1939.

Present: Hon. Charles E. Moore Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Maude M. Hanson, deceased.

Lucille Cliff having filed in said court her final administration account, and her petition praying for the allowance thereof and for the assignment and distribution of the residue of said estate.

It is Ordered, That the 18th day of September, A. D. 1939, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for examining and allowing said account and hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

Charles E. Moore,

Judge of Probate.

A true copy. Charles E. Moore,

Judge of Probate. 8-24-4

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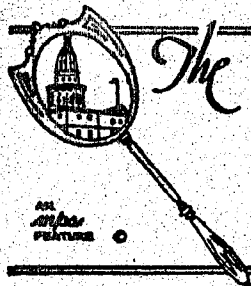
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The Michigan Mirror

Non-partisan News Letter
Michigan Press Association
By GENE ALLEMAN

Editor's Note: What is the NYA doing in Michigan? The following news letter presents the facts in a non-partisan objective manner which we believe will be of interest to our readers.

Lansing—Near a picturesque, peaceful hamlet of Waterloo, midway between the cities of Jackson and Ann Arbor, Uncle Sam is conducting a novel educational experiment for Michigan youth.

It is rivalled in scope only by a similar undertaking at Passataquoddy, Maine, where engineers once sought to harness ocean tides for hydro-electric industrial power.

Every county in Michigan is represented at Waterloo.

More so than any other project, it exemplifies the vast state-wide program of the National Youth administration, known to most citizens as the NYA, and for which the United States treasury will pour into Michigan \$3,250,000 during the 1939-40 fiscal year.

Because this federal agency was the only one under Paul McNutt's wing at Washington to receive from Congress an increase in federal appropriations (WPA funds being cut, for example), we journeyed 47 miles from the state capital to Waterloo (M-92 between Chelsea and Stockbridge) to examine firsthand this unique venture into "new education."

How It Began

Three years ago the Ann Arbor Rotary club, inspired by Dr. Max Peet, a surgeon at the University of Michigan, made a survey of high school graduates. Many of them were found to be unemployed. Their parents could not afford the price of a college education.

A "learn as you work" camp was suggested.

The National Park Service had just started to convert a rugged lake-woods-and-farm area near Waterloo into unprofitable agriculture to public recreational use. Land was provided along Cassidy lake in Jackson county at \$1 a year.

The National Youth administration agreed to build and maintain the camp.

Thus came into being "Cassidy Lake Tech," a junior college-vocational training school, for boys 18 to 21 years of age, situated a short distance from Chelsea and Stockbridge amid a beautiful setting of woodlands and small lakes.

Here come boys from every section of Michigan to work four hours each day, except Sunday, on productive projects for the National Park Service and also to engage for three hours each day in "work experiences" designed to fit them for a job.

Permanent buildings, country club style, were constructed.

Co-operative Living

The boys receive \$30 a month. The government then deducts from this amount the "cost" of what is called "co-operative living"—that is, the expense for food, heat, living, medical and dental services, and so on—estimated at \$20 a month. This leaves \$10 a month with which a boy may buy clothes, haircuts, luxuries, etc.

Uncle Sam supplies the cost of equipment and administration whereby competent instructors known as "counselors," supervise work-study in a woodshop, machine shop, automobile shop, and on outdoor agricultural acres.

"Work experiences" are also available in such subjects as aviation, mechanical drawing, forestry, commerce, music, and even cooking. (The cook school, for example, is said to be the only one of its kind in Michigan.) A recent "graduate" is now assistant chef at the Statler Hotel in Detroit. Forty boys are transported one day a week to the Ann Arbor airport for training as ground technicians.

Each youth arises at 6 a. m., goes to a central mess hall for breakfast in shifts at 6:30 and 7 o'clock, and then follows a work-study schedule which is also maintained in two shifts. While one group of boys is in class from 7:30 to 10:30 a. m., the other shift is busy elsewhere at work on national park projects. The afternoon program is just the reverse.

Twelve boys and a counselor reside in a cottage. New cottages, just built will make possible an enrollment of 275 youths.

Discipline consists of only the rules of ordinary living, keyed mostly to the Golden Rule. Boys may enroll and depart at any time. Absent are the usual relationships of teacher and pupil. Everyone lives and works together in a communal style radically different from the traditional American school.

The Experiment

This rural experiment for vocational experiences is the answer of the National Youth administration to the modern complaint: There is less and less work in America today for boys of high school age; consequently, graduates are "too young" for industry.

A factor in this situation, it is confided, is a conviction among NYA leaders that Michigan public schools outside of the larger cities are neglecting the field of industrial education, and this in a state that ranks high in industrial development.

As vocational apprenticeships risk hospitality of organized labor, the Cassidy Lake "Tech" carefully avoids the implication of apprenticeship training. In-

stead, the boys who help to construct buildings under the guidance of union carpenters are known as "carpenter-helpers." The distinction seems a fine one.

Until a new regulation was made in Washington, the camp provided much of its own food in form of garden produce, eggs, chickens, and meat. These activities were conducted by boys as a "work experience" in farming, a sort of co-operative self-support. Washington saw too much chance for abuse; now the war department supplies all food on requisition order. Administrator McNutt thus can sidestep any scandal over possible mishandling of food money.

Other NYA Projects

According to NYA authorities, there are 80,000 young people in Michigan of unemployable age who are eligible for federal work assistance. Of this number, approximately 24,000 will be helped during the coming year.

Under the direction of Orin W. Kaye, state youth administrator, the government is to provide work projects for 8,200 boys and girls. Here are some examples:

A 200-acre experimental farm at Belding where 62 boys live in cottages and receive supervised "work experience" in growing produce and livestock. Food that is not consumed at the farm is available for relief.

Dowagiac resident resort school for girls, training them for jobs at summer resorts. (In cooperation with public schools, hotels training courses were offered last spring at Ludington, Benton Harbor, Charlevoix, Traverse City, Manistique and Grand Haven.)

Resident camp at Ironwood for training in construction and landscape. A federal resettlement housing project is used for this program. Resident vocational camp at Cheboygan, utilizing a former music camp along the Straits. Boys are given "work experiences" in landscaping, woodshop and forestry.

At Michigan State college an old fraternity house is being used as a "cooperative" for 28 boys who study and work 16 weeks in completing an eight-week short course in agriculture. Other resident work projects are at Houghton and Marshall. Elsewhere throughout the state are 47 work centers where boys go daily for supervised vocational training.

Program is Growing

The NYA also extends a helping hand to high school graduates who desire to obtain a college education, but whose families lack financial means. Forty-one colleges and 786 high schools in Michigan are benefited by the NYA activity. For colleges the maximum allowance per student is \$20 for undergraduates and \$30 for graduates; averages are \$10.66 and \$15.27 respectively. For high schools the maximum allowance per pupil is \$6 a month; the average is \$4.36.

The new allocation for Michigan will permit 15,000 boys and girls to continue educational studies in Michigan high schools and colleges. Of this number 10,700 students will be in high schools and around 4,300 in colleges.

"Cassidy Lake Tech," as the boys call it, is an interesting experiment in education. It is half junior college and half work camp. Class credits are unknown, although the camp has become an accredited high school district. The director is no pedagogue. He is D. L. Miller, former probate court officer in Wayne county.

Last January around 100 boys were at Cassidy Lake. Today there are 178. By October 1 the enrollment will reach 275. In one west Michigan city 600 boys have registered for admittance to this country school at Waterloo. And why not? The jobless boy gets three square meals a day, daily experience at useful work to fit him for a place in the world, and a jolly good time in addition to \$10 "pin-money" a month.

This federal experiment had its beginning in a project of business and professional men of the Ann Arbor Rotary club. The idea, startling as it may seem, was rooted in a practical demand that something should be done for Michigan's unemployed high school graduates.

Croesus' Mines Found

Turkey reports the discovery of the gold mines of Croesus, millionaire king of Lydia in the Sixth century B. C. The richest finds are at Sart, close under the ruins of Sardes, capital of the Lydian empire. Croesus is reputed to have gathered his fabulous wealth from the golden sands of the Pactolus, a stream which flows through Sardes and into the Hermus (Gediz) river. Under Croesus, Lydia grew from a small kingdom to a powerful empire ruling all Asia Minor. The Lydians were supposedly the first people to coin money and to establish a system of currency. Archeologists have found some of the electrum coins struck off in Croesus' mint. Electrum, a native alloy of gold and silver, was mined on the banks of the Pactolus.

City Council Proceedings

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 7th day of August, A. D. 1939, Grayling, Mich.

Meeting called to order by Mayor George Burke.

Councilmen present: Jensen, Milnes, Roberts, Burke, Sales. Absent: None.

Bids received on distribution system 7:30 p. m.

Killoren Electric Co.—

Item No. 1	\$7,389.15
Item No. 2	2,443.30
Item No. 3	1,306.80
Item No. 4	1,104.50
Item No. 5	615.00
Item No. 6	175.00
Item No. 7	7,422.50
Item No. 8	6,754.00
Item No. 9	140.00
Item No. 10	156.00
Item No. 11	262.05
Item No. 12	4,242.87
Item No. 13	3,892.19
Item No. 14	no bid

Bid bond amount of \$2,000.00.

Clifton Engineering Company—

Item No. 1	\$6,508.00
Item No. 2	1,828.00
Item No. 3	945.25
Item No. 4	1,240.00
Item No. 5	438.20
Item No. 6	118.50
Item No. 7	7,766.50
Item No. 8	6,154.00
Item No. 9	110.00
Item No. 10	176.50
Item No. 11	273.25
Item No. 12	4,015.60
Item No. 13	2,974.65
Item No. 14	\$33,148.45

Bid bond amount of \$2,000.00.

Hall Electric Company—

Item No. 1	\$6,867.79
Item No. 2	2,169.15
Item No. 3	986.17
Item No. 4	1,205.00
Item No. 5	445.80
Item No. 6	155.00
Item No. 7	8,582.63
Item No. 8	7,174.25
Item No. 9	102.50
Item No. 10	168.45
Item No. 11	233.55
Item No. 12	3,694.60
Item No. 13	2,204.42
Item No. 14	\$34,185.31

Bid bond amount of \$2,000.00.

Geo. S. Schugmann—

Item No. 1	\$6,418.89
Item No. 2	1,686.20
Item No. 3	821.35
Item No. 4	1,081.50
Item No. 5	409.30
Item No. 6	116.00
Item No. 7	7,308.44
Item No. 8	7,333.04
Item No. 9	118.80
Item No. 10	202.69
Item No. 11	313.50
Item No. 12	3,628.91
Item No. 13	2,975.94
Item No. 14	\$32,597.16

Certified check in the amount of \$2,000.00.

Moved by Burke, supported by Roberts, that the Grayling State Savings Bank be designated as the depository bank for the proceeds of the sale of the Grayling Electric Light and Power works bonds.

Yea: Milnes, Roberts, Sales, Burke, Jensen, Nay: None. After due consideration of the bids the following recommendation was presented to the Council by Mr. Norris of the firm of Ayres, Lewis, Norris and May: August 7, 1939

City Commission Grayling, Michigan. Gentlemen:

We have reviewed the bids received August 7, 1939 for Construction of Municipal Electric Distribution System for the City of Grayling, Michigan and recommend the acceptance of the proposal of George S. Schugmann of Abingdon, Illinois, in the total estimated sum of \$32,027.56 based on using conventional type transformers with necessary lightning arresters and cutouts as specified under Item 8A of Addendum No. 1.

Very truly yours, Ayres, Lewis, Norris and May. By Robert Norris.

Moved by Jensen, supported by Milnes, that the following resolution be adopted.

Carried by the following vote: Yea: Jensen, Milnes, Roberts, Sales, Burke. Nays: None.

Whereas the City of Grayling, Michigan, pursuant to an advertisement for bids on Construction of Municipal Electric Distribution System, Contract No. 2, heretofore published in the "Michigan Contractor and Builder" issues of July 22 and 29, 1939, did on August 7, 1939, at 7:30 p. m., at its offices in the City of Grayling, Michigan, receive such bids; and

Whereas the bid of George S. Schugmann, of Abingdon, Illinois, in the estimated total sum of \$32,027.56 was the lowest bid submitted by any responsible bidder based on using conventional type transformers with necessary lightning arresters and cutouts as specified under Item 8A of Addendum No. 1.

SCHOOL HAS BEGUN WATCH OUT FOR CHILDREN



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By Fred W. Braun, The Safety Man

The School Bell often means the death knell for some child. For two months or more children have not been seen on their regular day-in and day-out trek to school, and motorists have relaxed from their customary "School Time" driving caution. Now that school has begun again, the watch must be resumed. The streets are crowded with children at certain hours. Many new faces are among them—the

little tots just starting to school, many of them unfamiliar with traffic conditions. Keep an extra sharp lookout for these.

Each year automobiles take a toll of child life that is alarming and needless. The schools are doing their part to teach the child care and caution on the streets and it's amazing to see how carefully the children conduct themselves as a result. Motorists can well take a lesson from this training and exercise equal or greater care in driving—especially near schools—and the accident records among school children will take a most gratifying drop!

Now therefore be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Grayling, Michigan:

That the Contract for the Construction of Municipal Electric Distribution System, Contract No. 2, be awarded to George S. Schugmann of Abingdon, Illinois at the unit prices submitted by such bidder and in the estimated total sum of \$32,027.56, based on using conventional type transformers with necessary lightning arresters and cutouts as specified under Item No. 8A of Addendum No. 1.

Be it further resolved that the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized to sign said contract for an on behalf of said City.

Moved and supported that said meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

George A. Granger, City Clerk.

Record of City Council Proceedings

Special Meeting held on the 14th day of August, A. D. 1939, Grayling, Mich.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Frank Sales.

Councilmen present: Milnes, Roberts, Sales, Jensen. Absent: Burke.

Meeting called to consider the acceptance of a cash bond in lieu of a surety bond from Mr.

George Schugmann, contractor on the distribution system. The Council decided to let the contract stand as awarded and accept a surety bond.

Moved and supported that meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

George A. Granger, City Clerk.

Napoleon Arch in Paris

Attracts Many Tourists
Napoleon's triumphal arch, the imposing edifice at the head of the Champs Elysees which is better known to tourists than any other Paris monument, has celebrated its 100th anniversary.

Strictly speaking, the Arc de Triomphe which overlooks Paris' "Great White Way" is not Napoleon's for he only started the construction. It was completed under the reign of King Louis Philippe at a cost of 45,225,575 francs or approximately \$3,200,000.

The Arc is 160 feet high, with an actual arch space of 94 feet; it is 146 feet wide and 71½ feet thick. There are 273 steps to the summit which are seldom used now as the Arc was equipped with an elevator five years ago. Back in 1888, when there was no elevator, a postman named Francois Siry made a record climb, ascending three steps at a time in 91 seconds. He was faster than the modern elevator which makes the ascent in three minutes.

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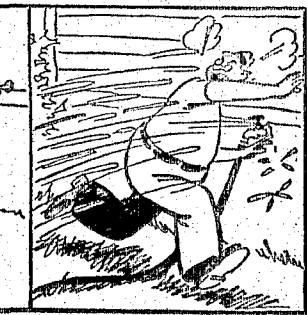
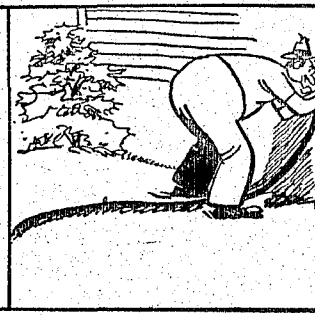
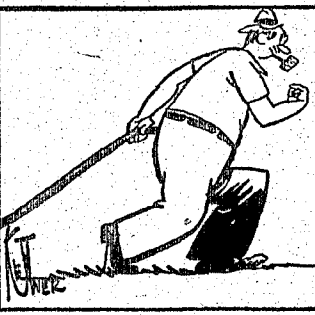
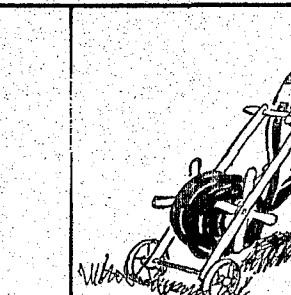
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LOCALS

THURSDAY, SEPT. 14, 1939

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William Bigham has been very ill at his home in Maple Forest the past week.

Come early Saturday morning! Only 30 Dresses on sale at \$1.99 each. Grayling Mercantile Co.

Miss Dorothy Boyce of Gaylord is the new chief operator at the local telephone exchange. She replaces Mrs. Gale Clise who resigned.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Howse of Maple Forest and Mr. and Mrs. Remi Schotte of Waters are enjoying a pleasure trip to Canadian points.

Postmaster and Mrs. James McDonnell were in Midland Wednesday to attend a meeting of postmasters of the 10th district. This was not an official meeting, and was only for the mutual interest of such postmasters who cared to join.

Chicago Bound. Look and feel your best in a pair of shoes from Olsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lorenz of Alpena are looking for a furnished apartment or private home in Grayling. The former is engaged with the Roselle Construction Co. of Wyandotte, contractors to build about a mile of concrete pavement at the winter park.

Frank Bennett is building a fine new log cabin on his property at Lake Margrethe. The cabin will have five rooms and will be all modern. The interior will be finished off with shellacked logs, and have a fireplace. He and Henry Wylie are doing the work.

Arch support oxfords in genuine calfskin, black or tan, at \$3.25 and up at Olsons.

The members of the Just Us Club enjoyed a steak roast at Hartwick Pines Thursday evening.

Tony Green is enjoying a two weeks vacation from his duties as manager of the local A & P market.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hamblin of Maple Forest are the proud parents of a daughter Elizabeth Jane, born to them Thursday, September 7.

Nine members of the Busy Bee Club at Maple Forest met at the home of Mrs. Chester Lozon Thursday afternoon. An enjoyable afternoon was spent.

Attention Legionnaires: Have proper fitting shoes to be sure of comfortable feet. Don't wait any longer, get them at Olsons.

Alfred Hanson is recovering nicely at his home from the appendix operation he underwent at Mercy Hospital a month ago. He was dismissed Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Bancroft are happy over the arrival of a son, Donald Allen, born to them Saturday, September 9. The little lad tipped the scales at 7 1/2 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Benedict Morris (Roberta Austin) are the happy parents of a son, David Benedict, born at the home of Mrs. Morris' parents, Capt. and Mrs. John Austin, in Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Liwyn Doremire (Nina Lovely) are rejoicing over the arrival of a son, Liwyn Anthony, born to them Monday, September 11, at the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. Paul Lovely.

Alberta Knibbs, a graduate of this year's class from Grayling High school entered the Lewis-Chapin Business College in Traverse City, Monday, to take a course in business administration.

The city is busy building several stretches of new cement sidewalk on the South side. Workmen at present are laying walks on both sides of State street, which has been a long felt need as this is a much traveled thoroughfare.

Editor and Mrs. Russell E. Madden, of Saugatuck, were callers on Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Schumann Saturday. While here they peeked at the winter park, the Military reservation, the trout hatchery. Mr. Madden was disappointed when the rain prevented a golf match between the two pencil pushers.

Lansing is enjoying a very low electric light and power rate. For instance, the first 25 kilowatt hours is rated at 6 1/4c per kilowatt, per month; the next 25 kilowatts is 5c per kilowatt hours, and for all over 200 kilowatt hours it is 1 1/4c. The minimum charge is 50c per month. From the above amounts there is a discount of 20% if paid within the discount period. These are generally considered to be the lowest electric rates in Michigan.

Peter Nellis, the 6 1/2 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Failing, passed away at their home Friday morning. The child was born January 28, 1939, and had not been well since birth. Funeral services were held from the Grayling Funeral Home Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. H. W. Kuhlman officiating. Interment was in Elmwood cemetery. Besides the parents, a sister Elaine Betty survives, its grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Dan Owens, and Mrs. Alfred Hummel.

The Imperials orchestra just closed a most successful season at Spike's Keg O' Nails and returned to Chicago Monday. These four fine young musicians, since arriving here Decoration day, have played to many people. Also they have given their services liberally for public and private social affairs. Wherever they went they were generous with their music, and always pleased their audiences. They were not only excellent musicians, but they also proved themselves to be most respectful young gentlemen. Spike says he hopes to have them back for special occasions, such as the hunting season and winter sports carnival.

Driving up U. S. 27 from southern Michigan Monday afternoon, the presence of long lines of autos on the road all headed south prompted Mrs. Weber to make a count of cars met between Roscommon and home. It required two hours to make the drive up those 92 miles but in these two hours we met a total of 1,441 cars, and we didn't count the motorcycles or the hitch hikers. Just the autos, all seemingly speeding back home. Out of that 1441 cars 455 of them were met in the 16 miles between Roscommon and Grayling, 580 in the 28 miles between Grayling and Gaylord and 426 in the 49 miles between Gaylord and Cheboygan. The line getting thinner as we came farther north and the day growing older. The count was started at four o'clock in the afternoon and ended at 8. —Al Weber in Cheboygan Observer.

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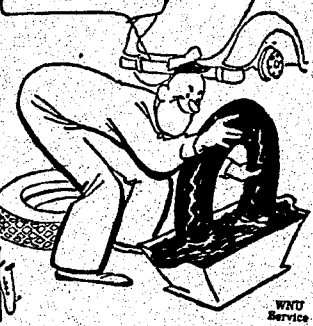
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Miss Marian Skingley has enrolled at the Lewis-Chapin Business College in Traverse City this year.

We still have about 200 pairs of slippers valued up to \$8.00 to close out at \$1.00 to \$1.79, at Olsons.

Miss Louise Feldhauser is a student at the Traverse City High school this year where she is taking a post graduate course. The Mrs. Rose Pond house on Cedar street. It is the plan that the building will be removed and a new structure be built for the housing of his dairy business.

Grayling Fish Hatchery is busy this week planting rainbow fingerling trout. About 80,000 are being released into the streams this week. They will be "catching size" by next May 1st.

Relatives of Mrs. James Perry gathered at her home Tuesday evening, the occasion being her birthday anniversary. An enjoyable evening was spent together, until a pot-luck lunch was enjoyed.

The Catholic Woman's Guild held a business meeting at St. Mary's rectory Tuesday afternoon to discuss a plan for raising funds for the organization to enable them to carry on their work. There was a nice attendance and it was an interesting meeting.

Have you noticed the nice new street signs that are in the process of being placed? They are being very substantially installed in cement footings. The standards are heavy pipe, and the signs are of stained wood with sunken letters in aluminum. Young men of the N.Y.A. made the signs and are placing them in conspicuous places on each intersection. This is a good job well done. We understand too that houses are to be numbered in the near future. As Grayling is now a city, this is another step in the right direction of making it one to be justly proud of.

Saturday Sale—30 Dresses on sale at only \$1.99 each. Grayling Mercantile Co.

Grayling Lodge Loyal Order of Moose initiated a class of seven candidates Wednesday night. An attendance contest brot out a large crowd. This lodge is getting along very nicely. They already have a large membership.

Miss Doris A. Leverton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Leverton, of Beaver Creek, was united in marriage to Norman Bancroft, at the Free Methodist church parsonage, Saturday, September 9. Rev. O. H. Lee performed the ceremony.

Melvin Marshall has purchased the house recently occupied by Russell Vallad, located on the South Side, from Elgin Benware. He will remodel the place and have it for rent.

Northern Michigan, in common with the rest of the state, is experiencing some unusually warm weather. Today the temperature at 12:00 o'clock noon stood at 80 degrees in the shade. Straw hats and Palm Beach suits would be very comfortable.

Word has been received in Grayling by friends of the death of a former resident, Mrs. Solveig Arnbjornson, 78 years old, of Seattle, Washington, last May 5. Mr. and Mrs. Arnbjornson lived in the home now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Phil Quigley, until 1904 when they moved to Seattle. Mr. Arnbjornson, a carpenter while living here, passed away in 1936.

In his discussions last Monday evening at the meeting of the taxpayers league, Harry Carter, a tax expert, said that it was a pleasure to inspect the records of the city affairs. The books of the city are comprehensive and well kept, and he complimented the city council and Manager George Granger for the way they are conducting city affairs and maintaining strict budget expenditures.

The Grayling Funeral Home owners have purchased the building on the corner of Peninsular Avenue and Ionia street from the Rasmus Rasmusson estate and it will be remodeled into a residence and funeral home. A full cement block basement is being placed underneath and the interior will be altered into suitable rooms for both the residence and funeral home. This is the property that was destroyed by fire while occupied by this firm about a year ago.

"On to Chicago!" With the time of the National convention drawing near, members of American Legion Drum and Bugle corps are practicing and drilling nightly so as to be in right form to represent the city of Grayling in the largest annual parade the world knows. Chicago plans to entertain a quarter million guests the four days the convention is held there. In 1933 that city entertained the Legion and ever since has been planning a return engagement.

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ORGANIZE COUNTY TAXPAYERS LEAGUE

(Continued from first page)

in its infancy everyone took an interest in what the government did, why they did it, and how they did it. Each unit of government was small enough and local enough to make this type of interest by its citizens possible.

With the tremendous increase in population, the modernization of the country and increase in powers that we have given to our various units of government no single individual is capable of understanding all the ramifications in governmental operations we have in this country today. This situation has not arisen overnight and over the years there has been the distinct trend to "letting George do it."

The result of this policy on our part has led to extravagance, waste, and in general poor business policies on the part of our public officials. We are responsible, for our apathy, when it comes to public affairs, is too well known to cause comment.

Obviously as the powers of government increased and our demands upon government increased, the cost increased. As the totals mounted the loopholes for waste and extravagance increased as well. Cost of government has arisen enormously and in 1937 reached the staggering total of almost \$18,000,000,000. This sum is equivalent to the entire income of every person west of the Mississippi river plus every dollar of natural wealth in that area.

Here in Michigan our total costs are well over 611 millions equivalent to every dollar of income from the state's 200,000 farms plus each dollar of revenue from the tourist and resort business. Add to this a bonded indebtedness of 525 millions and even a state deficit of 25 million from last year's state operations and it is readily apparent that the situation is one affecting the pocketbook, job and general well-being of every person in the state.

In analyzing the situation it is obvious that there is little that you and I can do about the federal picture and little more that can be done about the state. But gentlemen, there is something that can be done and furthermore is being done about the local situation.

Your very presence here tonight is indicative of your interest in these problems and as a group you have the means at your command of correcting them as they apply specifically to Crawford County.

Through your organization, the Crawford County Taxpayers League, you can study any or all the units of government within the county, obtain the facts, educate your citizens in words of one syllable, and either have your present staff of public officials make the necessary changes or place public officials in office who will do as you suggest. Your local government is created by you... and your public officials are your servants.

Taxpayers Leagues are fundamentally successful in solving the problems of governmental units. There is ample evidence to prove that the local approach is the soundest and most practical. Where citizens have banded together they have gotten results. For example—

I have here some figures that show over a six year period that 5 cities having Taxpayers associations showed a 74 percent decrease in costs while during the same period five comparable cities not having a taxpayers association showed little or no decrease.

In South Bend, Indiana, 12 of the leading citizens seven years ago formed the South Bend Civic Association. Today they have 2,000 members and have brought the city from the brink of bankruptcy to a reduction of the tax rate by 38 percent. During the same period they have reduced the bonded indebtedness of South Bend by 6 million dollars and established a plan of debt retirement that will make the city debt-free by the early 1950's. All of this economy has come without disturbing the essential services of the city and during the same period the city has been able to provide more public improvements than at any time in its history.

Fort Wayne, Indiana inspired by the citizens' efforts in South Bend, four years ago organized a taxpayers group... today they have the lowest tax rate in the history of the community.

St. Louis County, Missouri shaved \$200,000 a year off their operating costs.

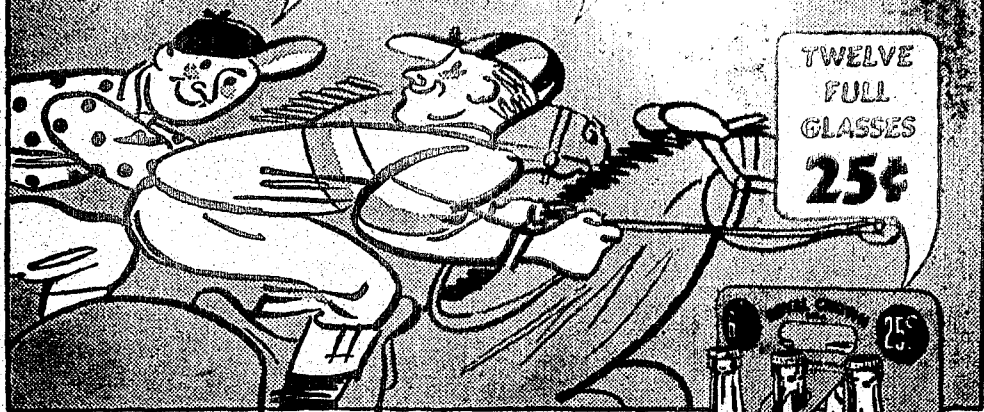
Buffalo, New York cut its taxes \$6,000,000.

Amsterdam, New York effected savings that amount to over \$50,000 a year.

Nebraska's fine efforts are recognized nationally—over a ten year period they have reduced the tax rate one third, the bonded indebtedness by \$45,000,000. The assessed valuation by one-third. Nebraska as a state has no bonded indebtedness. They

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have no sales tax in Nebraska, use tax, service tax, income tax, or luxury tax. All told the savings in property levies and reduction of obligations have amounted to over \$220,000,000 in ten years time.

In New York state in 1938, Governor Lehman asked for an annual budget of \$415,000,000. Concerted action by taxpayers' associations lopped 30 millions from that figure and forestalled a state sales tax.

Worcester, Massachusetts eliminated a budget deficit of a million and a half.

Lowell, Massachusetts has the first tax reduction in the history of the city.

Needham costs were cut 13 percent.

And so it goes from almost every corner in the land. When citizens get together they do get results. Now there are no magic wands which we can pass out that at one wave will reduce our costs 25, 50 or 75 percent. It takes effort and work, not by any individuals but by every thinking citizen in the county. If you are willing to work and make an effort your organization can get results.

Now here in Crawford county I have checked into the operations of several units of government... and what I have to say is in no way to be construed as an attack on the public officials in the area. Perhaps the figures which I shall quote have a reasonable explanation and further study might amplify the situation.

I have here the tabulated reports of the operation of the County Poor Fund. These figures were taken from the official proceedings of the board of supervisors.

The table shows:

	Bal. on Hand	Credit	Receipts	Total	Spent	Bal. on Hand
1935	\$ 7,649.99	\$2,000	\$1,880.87	\$3,769.72	\$5,390.92	\$ 9,160.84
1936	9,160.84	2,160	1,867.43	5,545.98	6,273.53	11,406.74
1937	11,406.74	4,040	1,195.22	6,171.52	5,238.90	11,408.42
1938	11,408.42	4,000	554.46	6,853.96	5,567.88	12,421.84

Now the interesting fact about this statement is this: The record begins in 1935, evidently this report was not published prior to that time and the first amount entered is a deficit of a little better than \$7,600. The last report, that of 1938, shows a deficit of well over 12 thousand dollars. The total credited to the account in four years amounts to \$12,160 to which can be added receipts of \$5,497.98 making a total re-

ceived of \$17,657.98. During the same four year period the expenditures amounted to \$22,469.23 which is approximately \$5,000 more than the fund received. Here is one operation in a unit of government that might well merit your attention.

The next group of figures are those of the annual report of the Crawford County Road Commission. Here is the report for 1937 and 1938. Prior to these years no report was published.

In comparing the figures for these two years we find that in 1937 the amount spent for equipment was approximately the same, in the neighborhood of \$24,000. The general expense item shows a hundred dollar decrease in 1938. The material item increased \$2,000. The maintenance, dropped \$12,000! Construction increased \$2,500. The McNitt Fund increased \$9,200. And the expenditures for the city of Grayling decreased \$3,000. All told the county road commission spent within a thousand dollars of what was spent in 1937, however they began the year 1938 with a balance on hand of \$19,222.94 and ended the year with a balance on hand of \$3,885.21.

Now the point I want to make about this road commission report is this: Consider yourselves as stockholders in a company, known as the Crawford County Road Commission, and gentlemen, willing or not, you are very definitely stockholders in that very corporation. Would you be satisfied with the financial statement of the stock company known as the Crawford County Poor Fund? Would you invest your money in corporations that produced balance sheets such as these?

Here are two specific operations that come definitely within

reason why you can't have a dollar's value for every dollar you spend. I don't mean that your group should become so economy minded as to be penny-wise but I do believe that there are loopholes for waste and extravagance that you have the power of closing.

As long as you maintain your grasp on a non-partisan, non-political, unbiased foundation seeking only the facts and predicated your demands for efficient and economical government on those facts you can achieve the same success that other taxpayers now enjoy.

Report of Crawford County Road Commission

Receipts		1937	1938
Gasoline Refunds		\$ 1,442.14	\$ 1,336.14
Weight Tax		41,116.86	45,576.02
Gasoline Tax		5,497.14	5,715.60
McNitt Fund		39,321.23	19,660.62
Equipment		407.05	705.35
Material		39.28	141.38
General Expense		413.72	19.10
Snow Removal Fund			5,441.40
Total Receipts		\$88,217.37	\$75,193.71
Balance on Hand		\$22,860.90	\$19,222.94
Grand Total		\$110,878.36	\$94,416.65
Expenditures		1937	1938
Equipment		\$24,237.65	\$23,681.57
General Expense		7,680.68	7,507.48
Material		13,158.19	15,328.18
Maintenance		22,816.30	10,981.49
Construction		2,028.10	4,530.72
McNitt Fund		5,320.25	14,741.76
City of Grayling		16,414.25	13,762.24
Total		\$91,655.42	\$90,533.34
Balance on Hand		\$19,222.94	\$3,885.21

Considerable discussion was had relative to reports that are being published by governing bodies. It was the consensus of opinion that some of the reports failed to supply some of the vital information in which taxpayers are justly interested.

MICKIE SAYS—

YEP, WE KNOW THIS HERE NEWSPAPER AINT THE WORLD'S GREATEST—BUT NEITHER IS OUR TOWN—WE DO TH BEST WE CAN, IN OUR FIELD



Elect Board of Directors Sept. 26 Only about 25 were present at the meeting, and it was decided that another meeting be called for Tuesday evening, September 26th, for the election of a board of directors. Everyone interested in the reduction of taxes should be there and have a hand in the forming of this important organization. When taxes increase so rapidly every year, it is about time the taxpayer has something

to say about it.

It was pointed out Monday night that already there is talk of calling an extra session of the state legislature for the purpose of finding new ways for raising money—by added taxes.

Temporary Chairman Wright hopes that the court house will be packed on the 26th because this is a matter of extreme importance to every taxpayer.

Hartwick Pines Not Open For Hunting

Reported rumor has it that Hartwick Pines State Park will be open for deer hunting this fall. Such is not the truth, as verified by a letter received by Park Superintendent Fred Larke. Just how this rumor became current isn't known to us. Mr. Larke says he is informed that someone read it in some newspaper, but which one he could not say.

As far as we know there had been no intention to open the park for deer hunting, a thing that this newspaper would seriously oppose. There is plenty of wide open wilderness for deer hunting without having to hunt in state parks. Wild game in the latter should have the fullest protection at all times.

W. J. Kingscott, chief of the State Parks division, of the Michigan Department of Conservation, in writing Mr. Larke, says as follows:

August 31, 1939
Mr. Fred Larke, Supt.
Hartwick Pines State Park
Grayling, Michigan
Dear Mr. Larke:

We have your letter of the 29th stating that it is reported that the Hartwick Pines park will be open to deer hunting this fall.

We cannot account for any such story as this because there is nothing to it. All State Parks are automatically game sanctuaries and are closed by law. It is my understanding that they are not subject to opening and closing by the Commission but remain closed at all times.

I cannot believe but what you are safe in saying that there is no danger of there being deer hunting in the park there this year.

Very truly yours,
W. J. Kingscott
Chief, Parks Division.

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Township Gets New Fire Pump

Grayling township has just purchased a power pump for fire protection. It will throw a stream of water fully 150 feet. It is light enough that two men can carry it, or it may be loaded onto a light truck.

It has an intake hose that will draw water from a river or lake or any available water supply. It is operated by a gasoline engine. With it, property in outlying districts may have fire protection. It means that just about every structure in the township will have fire protection.

This will be good news to property owners residing at Lake Margrethe, the Ausable and Manistee rivers, the Military reservation and other places.

The apparatus cost the township about \$795. There will also be about 800 feet of 1 1/2 inch hose and a supply of hose nozzles. These will be housed at the Grayling Fire department building, and, we understand, its use will be permitted in the city and nearby places should occasion demand.

Lovells

Glen Gregg and Russell Barber of Kalkaska were callers in Lovells Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frances Nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Nephew, Mrs. Cora Nephew and Miss Iris Nephew spent Labor Day with Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gregg in Kalkaska.

Miss Edna Small of St. Helen spent Labor Day with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duby.

Genevieve Selley returned home after visiting some time in Hastings.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Nephew enjoyed a few days in Detroit last week.

The Cheerful Givers have changed their dance from Thursday to Friday night.

Lee Pomeroy of Armada was a caller in Lovells Sunday.

The Lovells children have started school in Frederic. They are proud of their new school bus.

Rattan Palm Longest Plant The rattan palm, a giant seaweed growing on the coast of California, often exceeds 970 feet in length.

Frederic Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bears and son, have returned from Grand Rapids, having visited Mr. Bears' parents.

Mr. Johnson's brother Arnold, has been visiting him from Grand Rapids. While here he met many of his old friends.

A reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Krase, over Labor Day. There were 39 present.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cameron and son have been spending a few days with the Horner and Krase families.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Forbush have been visiting Mr. Eli Forbush of Maple Forest, and sisters of Mrs. Forbush, in Frederic.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Cameron and son have been visiting with Mrs. Cameron's sister, Mrs. Wm. Woodburn, and family of Maple Forest. They also visited at the homes of the Horners' and Krases' in Frederic.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Madill visited relatives in Bay City over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Charron are visiting relatives in Midland.

Mr. Lee, our new school superintendent, and his family have moved into the new home just completed by C. S. Barber.

Mr. Ken Triger of Chicago, has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Craven.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Krase are visiting relatives in Detroit and Pontiac, and at Manitowoc, Wis.

Mr. John Burke and daughter Oral are visiting in Detroit and Toledo, Ohio.

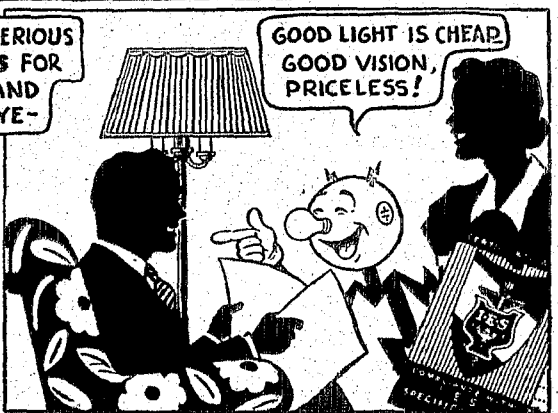
Mr. and Mrs. Morrish have been visiting at the home of E. A. Corsaut.

Mr. and Mrs. Corsaut and Mr. and Mrs. Peippo had an auto accident Monday night. They were taken to the hospital, where their injuries were treated and dismissed, except Mrs. Corsaut, who was dismissed the following day.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Tobin report a nice trip to Mr. Tobin's home town in Westport, Canada. They also visited many other places of interest.

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